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Amendment to the Claims

Because neither of the two preceding After Final amendments was entered, **Claim 4 and Claims 19 through 25** as amended in the response dated 6 August 2003 remain pending. The following complete set of claims replaces that previous set of claims in its entirety.

1 through 3 (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An active external change~~ A changing aid for assisting in the application or removal of articles worn externally on the body of a wearer, the active external change aid comprising a mat and at least one effect generating element mechanism joined to the mat, the effect generating mechanism comprising a magnet, an air jet, or a thermal cell and being capable of moving adapted to move at least a portion of the an article adapted to be worn externally on a body of a wearer from a first point to a second point during an application of the article onto the body or a removal of the article from the body to thereby assist in the application or the removal, the effect generating element being capable of emitting energy, wherein the at least one effect generating element is selected from the group consisting of a magnet, an air jet, and a thermal cell.

5 through 18 (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) ~~An active external change~~ A changing aid for assisting in the application or removal of articles worn externally on the body of a wearer, the active external change aid comprising a mat and at least one effect generating element, mechanism joined to the mat, wherein the effect generating element performs a transformation which modifies mechanism being adapted to transform at least a portion of the an article adapted to be worn externally on a body of a wearer from a first condition to at least one second condition during an application of the article onto the body or a removal of the article from the body to thereby assist in the application or the removal.

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20. (Currently Amended) The ~~active-external-change~~ changing aid of Claim 19 wherein the ~~transformation comprises a effect generating mechanism is adapted to transform the portion of the article to change in a~~ material property within the article.
21. (Currently Amended) The ~~active-external-change~~ changing aid of Claim 20 wherein the ~~change in~~ material property is a ~~change in~~ flexibility, a size, a tackiness, or ~~combinations a~~ combination thereof.
22. (Currently Amended) The ~~active-external-change~~ changing aid of Claim 19 wherein the effect generating ~~element produces~~ mechanism is adapted to produce a thermal effect, a magnetic field, or an electric current.
23. (Currently Amended) The ~~active-external-change~~ changing aid of Claim 19 wherein the ~~transformation comprises an activation or deactivation of~~ effect generating mechanism is adapted to transform the portion of the article to activate or deactivate an adhesive.
24. (Currently Amended) The ~~active-external-change~~ changing aid of Claim 19 wherein the ~~transformation is temporary~~ effect generating mechanism is adapted to temporarily transform the portion of the article.
25. (Currently Amended) The ~~active-external-change~~ changing aid of Claim 19 wherein the ~~transformation comprises connecting~~ effect generating mechanism is adapted to transform the portion of the article to connect a first portion of the article with a second portion of the article.

26 through 36 (Cancelled)